

IED/Active Shooter Guidance Document Brief

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Guidance Document Overview



First Responder Guide for Improving
Survivability in Improvised Explosive
Device and/or Active Shooter
Incidents



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Guidance Document

- Hemorrhage control techniques and equipment
- Ballistic Protective Equipment
- Integrated Response (interoperability)

<http://www.dhs.gov/publication/iedactive-shooter-guidance-first-responders>



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- Collaboratively written by 39 Federal Departments/Agencies/Components
- Supported by principle NGOs across all disciplines
- Initiated through the National Security Council in the IED Working Group
- OHA was designated the lead agency



The IED / Active Shooter Problem

- The number of Active Shooter Incidents continues to rise
10 years = 336% increase (2000 – 2013)
- The number of Active Shooter Casualties continues to rise
10 years = 357% increase (2000 – 2013)
- There is > 4000 National Bomb Incident calls/year
(ATF Bomb Arson Tracking System: BATS)
22% involve live devices



The #1 Key to Improving Survival

“The fate of the wounded rests in the hands of the one who applies the first dressing.” - Dr. Nicholas Senn, 1898

- **Early Hemorrhage Control!**
 - Dave Sanders, Columbine H.S.
 - Bled to death after almost 4 hours without care
- Anyone can stop the bleeding, but it must be fast
 - Bystanders
 - Law enforcement
 - Fire / EMS



Changes in Culture

- The Past:
 - For decades, Active Shooter scenes were considered to be the sole purview of law enforcement.
 - Fire/EMS would stage at a distant location and wait until the scene was declared “safe”.
- A Slow Change:
 - Various Techniques/Models
 - Police only
 - Rescue Task Force
 - Warm Zone / Protected Island
 - Ballistic Protection Question



Bystander Care

- The next logical step to improving survivability is to engage the public to assist.
 - Much like CPR, Public Access to defibrillation program
 - “See Something, Do Something”
 - Public Access to Hemorrhage Control Kits envisioned
- Grassroots programs already sprouting
 - Denver, CO
 - Seattle, WA
- NSC developing a national framework



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Ongoing Efforts and Synchronization

- Conducting educational sessions on the guidance document
- Synchronized with, and complementary to the FEMA / FBI Joint Counter-Terrorism Awareness Workshop Series (JCTAWS)
- In alignment with other burgeoning national efforts
 - ALERRT (Texas State University and FBI joint project)
 - The Inter Agency Board (IAB)
 - C-TECC



Closing

- As a result of the guidance document and the effort it encompassed:
 - There is a conversation occurring among first responders
 - There is a culture change occurring
 - There is change occurring among the different disciplines
 - Lives are & will continue to be saved

